

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, May 14, 2025, marks Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day during which awareness will be raised throughout Montana about Childhood Apraxia of Speech, an extremely challenging speech disorder that affects 1-in-1,000 children; and

WHEREAS, Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have significant difficulty in learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children; and

WHEREAS, the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia require early, appropriate, and intensive speech therapy, often for many years to learn to speak; and

WHEREAS, without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia will have diminished communication skills, but are also placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school-related skills; and

WHEREAS, that such primary and secondary impacts diminish future independence and employment opportunities and challenge the ability to become productive, contributing citizens if not resolved or improved; and

WHEREAS, public awareness about Childhood Apraxia of Speech in Montana is essential for families of children with this neurological disorder and the professionals who support them to achieve the needed services for those learning to use their own voice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2025

APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY

and encourage the citizens of Montana to work within their communities to increase awareness and understanding of childhood apraxia of speech.



GREG GIANFORTE
Governor